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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3344

INFO AMCONSUL CALCUTTA IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL BOMBAY IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 10968

FROM SCHNEIDER TO BOMBAY FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, PFOR, IN

SUBJECT: HARCOS/FLETCHER

REF: CALCUTTA 1683 (REPEATED AS NEW DELHI 10967)

1. IT SEEMS TO ME, ON THE BASIS OF PARA 2 REFTTEL, WE ARE BANG-
ING OUR HEAD AGAINST A STONE WALL ON THE QUESTION OF CONSULAR
ACCESS TO THE HARCOS/FLETCHER TRIAL. I DO NOT BELIEVE, THERE-
FORE, THAT CONSUL GENERAL PICKERING SHOULD GO BACK TO THE WEST
BENGAL CHIEF MINISTER ON THIS ISSUE UNLESS THE DEPARTMENT
BELIEVES WE MUST DO SO IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN OUR POSITION ON THE
PRINCIPLE OF THE ISSUE.

2. I DO BELIEVE CONSUL GENERAL PICKERING SHOULD WORK OUT AN
ARRANGEMENT WITH THE LAWYER, AS THE CHIEF SECRETARY SUGGESTED
WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, IN ORDER THAT WE MAY KEEP OURSELVES INFORMED
OF THE COURSE OF THE TRIAL.

3. IN VIEW OF THE REPEATED ASSURANCES AND COMMENTS OF OFFICIALS
IN DELHI FROM THE FOREIGN SECRETARY ON DOWN ON THE HANDLING OF
THIS CASE, I CANNOT HELP BUT FEEL LET DOWN BY THE WAY THINGS
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ARE AND WILL SAY AS MUCH TO MEA IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

4. FOR CALCUTTA: DO NOT DO ANYTHING PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
MOYNIHAN

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